

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN
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I've had my first Christmas in
Heaven:
A glorious, wonderful day!
I stood with saints of the ages,
Who found Christ, the Truth and
the Way.

I sang with the heavenly choir:
Just think! I, who longed so to
sing!
And oh, what celestial music
We brought to our Saviour and
King!

We sang the glad songs of
redemption,
How Jesus to Bethlehem came,
And how they had called His name
Jesus,
That all might be saved through
His name.

We sang once again with the angels
The song that they sang that blest
morn,
When shepherds first heard the
glad story
That Jesus, the Saviour, was born.

O, Darling, I wish you had been
here,
No Christmas on earth could
compare
With all the rapture and glory We
witnessed in Heaven so fair.

You know how I always loved
Christmas;
It seemed such a wonderful day,
With all of my loved ones around
me:
The children so happy and gay.

Yes, now I can see why I loved it:
And oh, what a joy it will be When
you and my loved ones are
with me
To share in the glories I see.

So, Dear Ones on earth, here's my
greeting:
Look up till the day dawn appears,
And, oh, what a Christmas awaits
us,
Beyond all our partings and tears!

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Begin the day with God;
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up your heart to His abode
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God
And read a portion there,
That it may hallow all your
thoughts
And sweeten all your care.

Go through the day with God,
E'en though you may not see
Where'er you are, at home,
abroad,
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God;
Your spirit Heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good
bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

Conclude your day with God;
Your sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning
blood,
And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God,
Who gives His servants sleep;
And when you tread the vale of
death
He'll surely guard and keep.

Prayer: Our heavenly Father, we
thank You this morning that we
have just such a Savior, who is a
constant companion, and for the
abiding presence of the Holy
Spirit as well to lead us and
guide us in this walk for Him.
Thank You for bringing us to this
morning hour. We pray as we turn
to the Word of God again that we
may speak and hear carefully and
that You may teach us concerning
Yourself. In Jesus' precious
name. Amen.